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April 16, 2024

Pamela Christian  
City Clerk  
450 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA. 94804

**Re: City of Richmond Election Reform Act**

Dear Pamela,

On March 20, 2024, we received your letter requesting a random signature verification of the 15,139 total signatures in the petition named above. The signature count includes the two officially withdrawn signatures but were not part of the random signature verification.

Upon the completion of the random verification the number of valid signatures is determined to be 379 out of 500 random signature sample. The statistical prediction of the valid signatures for this petition is calculated at 15% of the number required for the petition to be sufficient. A detailed breakdown is attached.

We request that you retrieve the petition for your retention at the earliest possible date. The petition is not a public record and may not be examined by anyone other than the public officer or public employees who have the duty of receiving, examining, or preserving the petitions. Pursuant to Election Code section 17200 the petition must be kept eight months after the final examination of the petition.

If you have any questions please contact our office at (925) 335-7800 or Voter Services supervisor Justine Gatdula at [justine.gatdula@vote.cccounty.us](mailto:justine.gatdula@vote.cccounty.us) or call (925) 335-7883.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wilfredo Alas".

Wilfredo Alas  
Elections Services Specialist

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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE TO INITIATIVE PETITION**

I, Kristin B. Connelly, County Clerk of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, hereby certify:

That the **Richmond Election Reform Act** was filed in our office on **March 20, 2024**.

That said petition consists of **960** sections;

That each section contains signatures purporting to be the signatures of electors of this **City**;

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|--|----------------|
| 1. The number of <b>unverified</b> signatures filed by the proponent (raw count):                            | <b>15,139</b>  |
| 2. The number of voters as of the last report of registration to the State <b>February 23, 2023</b> :        | <b>57,608</b>  |
| 3. The minimum number of valid signatures needed using <b>15%</b> of the registered voters as shown above:   | <b>9,505</b>   |
| 4. The number of signatures <b>verified</b> :  | <b>500</b>     |
| a. The number of signatures found <b>SUFFICIENT</b> :  | <b>379</b>     |
| b. The number of signatures found <b>NOT SUFFICIENT</b> :  | <b>121</b>     |
| c. <b>NOT SUFFICIENT</b> because of <b>DUPLICATION</b> :   | <b>0</b>       |
| 5. The projected statistically valid total:<br>(As provided by California Administrative Code 20510 – 20540) | <b>11,475</b>  |
| 6. The statistical total as a percentage of the total needed:  | <b>132.80%</b> |

The projected statistically valid total is in excess of the 110% required based on the sample, pursuant to Elections Code 9115 and 9237.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this **16<sup>th</sup>** day of **April 2024**.

Kristin B Connelly  
County Clerk-Recorder  
Contra Costa County, California



## Signature Verification Calculations

### City Initiatives Submitted to Voters

EC Div. 9, Ch. 3, Art. 1 -- §§ 9200-9255

#### Petition Title: Election Reform Act

##### Initiative Petition Calculations

Registration 57,608  
EC 9255(e)

**Total Signatures Submitted:** 15,139

Signatures needed to qualify for election: 8641  
15% threshold -- EC 9255(c)(1)

Random Sample Minimum 9505

(signatures needed to qualify x 110%)

The random sample shall include 500 signatures or 3% of those submitted, whichever is greater. EC 9211, 9115(a)

Number of signatures to verify: 500

**Number of valid signatures:** 379

**Number of duplicate signatures:** 0

##### SOS Signature Validation Formula

Factors	Description
A	Value of each signature
B	Penalty value for duplicate signature
C	Total value of all duplicate signatures
V	Adjusted number of valid signatures

Factor	Formula	
A	Total Signatures/signatures to verify = A	30.278
B	$A \times (A - 1) = B$ Penalty value for duplicate signatures	886.48
C	B x number of duplicate signatures = C	0.00
V	Signatures submitted x (valid signatures in sample/sample size) = V	11475

**V - C = Statistically valid total** 11475

If the statistical sample is within 95% to 110% of the required number signatures, the elections official must verify ALL petition signatures. EC 9115(b)

**Statistical total as percent of total needed:** 132.80%